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Ms. Feather O. Houstoun
Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
P.O. Box 2675
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 1711 05-2675

Dear Ms. Houstoun,

I am pleased to inform you that your request for a new Home and Community-Based Services waiver for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI), as authorized under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, has been approved. Based on your request dated December 27, 2001, as well as supplemental information, I approve this waiver for a three-year period effective April 1, 2002. This waiver has been assigned CMS control number PA-03 86, which should be referenced on all future correspondence relating to this waiver.

This waiver targets services to individuals 21 years of age and older with TBI who, absent the waiver, would require a special rehabilitation nursing facility level of care. This waiver offers a broad array of services including: service coordination, personal care, respite care, habilitation and support, prevocational services, supported employment, educational services, environmental adaptations, non-medical transportation, specialized medical equipment, assistive technology, chore services, personal emergency response systems, coaching/cueing, night supervision, structured day program, behavioral specialist consulting, cognitive therapy, counseling, and community integration. Extended state plan services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and part-time nursing.

The following estimates of unduplicated recipients and average per capita costs of waiver services have been approved:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor D</u>
1	98	\$ 58,918
2	150	\$109,635
3	176	\$126,733

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This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more than the individuals indicated above. Should Pennsylvania want to serve a higher number of unduplicated recipients or make alterations to this waiver, an amendment must be submitted for approval. With documentation of satisfactory performance and oversight, the waiver can be renewed at the end of the 3-year period.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Duckett
Director
Division of Benefits, Coverage, and Payment

cc: Philadelphia RO